UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/AC.237/90
9 January 1995

Original: ENGLISH

INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
FOR A FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
Eleventh session
New York, 6-17 February 1995
Item 9 of the provisional agenda

PROVISION TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTIES OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Climate Convention cooperation programme

Note by the interim secretariat

A. Committee mandate

1. At its tenth session, the Committee noted with satisfaction the progress achieved on both the joint information exchange programme (CC:INFO), carried out by the interim secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the joint training programme (CC:TRAIN), carried out by the interim secretariat and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), and requested the interim secretariat to report to the eleventh session on further progress (A/AC.237/76, paras. 98-100). Further, the Committee supported the objectives of the Climate Convention cooperation programme (CC:COPE) mentioned in document A/AC.237/75.

B. Scope of the note

2. As for the tenth session of the Committee, the interim secretariat has prepared one document which, together with its addenda, covers all its activities relating to the provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support. In collaboration with its partners in technical cooperation activities, these activities, collectively referred to as

CC:COPE, consist at this stage of three main elements: CC:INFO; CC:TRAIN; and a number of information, coordination and advisory activities that the interim secretariat is currently undertaking in order to facilitate the timely provision of assistance to countries for enabling activities and for national communications, including the provision of advice to the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

3. In order to highlight each of these activities separately, three addenda to this document have been prepared as follows:

(a) Addendum 1, prepared jointly with UNEP, includes a progress report on CC:INFO and an outline of plans for the future;

(b) Addendum 2, prepared jointly with UNITAR, includes a progress report on CC:TRAIN and an outline of plans for the future;

(c) Addendum 3 has been prepared jointly with the secretariat of the GEF. This note does not report on a joint programme between the two secretariats, but rather on how the two secretariats will follow up in a coordinated fashion, each according to its mandate, on the original CC:COPE objectives that were set out in document A/AC.237/75 at the tenth session.

4. The interim secretariat - and later the Convention secretariat - will continue to facilitate the provision of financial and technical assistance to Parties through the CC:COPE programme. Such assistance will be provided partly through joint activities undertaken with other United Nations bodies, such as CC:INFO with UNEP and CC:TRAIN with UNITAR; through its involvement with the GEF Operations Committee; and through cooperative activities with relevant United Nations bodies, multilateral and bilateral, as well as with non-governmental organizations that are able to provide assistance to countries (such as through the informal consultative process envisaged in Addendum 3 to this document).

C. Possible action by the Committee

5. The Committee is invited to take note of the various activities of the interim secretariat aimed at facilitating the provision of technical and financial support to countries, collectively referred to as CC:COPE, and in particular, of:

(a) Progress achieved by the CC:INFO programme, and the plans of the interim secretariat and UNEP for its future development;

(b) Progress achieved by the CC:TRAIN programme, and the plans of the interim secretariat and UNITAR for the second phase of this programme;

(c) The plans of the GEF secretariat to ensure the timely availability of financial assistance to countries for enabling activities and national communications, and the contributions of the interim secretariat to facilitate that process.